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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants have reviewed the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowability mailed December 6, 2004 and comment as follows.

Applicants take exception to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance to the extent it is interpreted to suggest that all of the features listed in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance are, cumulatively, required for patentability of each of the allowed claims. For example, independent claim 21, from which claims 22 to 26 depend, does not require "an output node electrically coupled between the first and the second element," as recited in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Thus, while the limitation "an output node electrically

coupled between the first and the second element" is recited in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, the limitation is not a predicate for patentability of claims 21 to 26.

Respectfully submitted,



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